RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL):' (a) No systematic epidemiological survey has so far been conducted by Government of West Bengal. However, preliminary survey indicated that six districts namely: 24 Parganas (North), 24 Parganas (South), Nadia Burdwan, Murshidabad & Malda with population of 302.767 lakhs arc affected by arsenic pollution.

(b) To supplement the efforts of Government of West Bengal in containing arsenic problem, Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission, Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment, Government of India, have extended financial assistance and technical assistance to the Government of West Bengal, under Sub-Mission activities .or launching various projects briefly summarised as under:

(i) Sub-Mission on Arsenic Pollution in ground water in West Bengal (approved at Rs. 10.82 lakhs, in Jan. 1988).

(ii) First phase action plan for Arsenic affected areas of West Bengal (approved at Rs. 961.85 lakhs in Feb. 1994).

(iii) R&D project on Arsenic in Ground Water in Six Districts of West Bengal. (submitted by Jadhavpur University, Calcutta at Rs. 73.486 lakhs *an** was approved at Rs. 4.125 lakhs in March, 1994 for one year).

(iv) Epidemiological study of chronic toxicity in West Bengal (approved at Rs. 4.60 lakhs during Dec. 1994).

(v) Water Supply schemes in Arsenic affected areas of Malda district (250 villages & 695 habitations with 10.87 lakh population in 3 blocks, approved at Rs. 8848.00 lakhs in Feb. 19°S).

Low priority works under JRY

6514. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that low priority has been extended to the works like social forestry, making the land cultivable, development of small irrigation watersheds projects, development of grassland under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the above said works during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no priority is extended to the incomplete works under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) The works like social forestry, making the land cultivable, development of small irrigation watersheds projects, development of grassland can be taken up under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana by the implementing agencies, depending upon the local needs and also following the guidelines of the Yojana. A statement giving the Statewise details of these works, during last 3 years is Annexure. *[See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 135]

(c) and (d) Under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, priority should be given for the completion of the incomplete works over the taking up of new works and no works shall be taken up by the implementing agencies which cannot be complete within 2 years.

Proposal received from Israel for Transferring Technology and seedlings for plantation

6515. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Israel on transferring

technology and seedlings for plantation in the arid and semi-arid regions of the country including Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details therof; and

(c) what response Government have received from private sector in developing the Jojoba plantation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) and (b) The Department of Wastelands Development, in collaboration with the Government of Rajasthan have taken steps to take up pilot projects for plantation of Jojoba in Rajasthan. In this regard an Executive Programme was signed between the Department of Wastelands Development and the Government of Israel to promote cooperation between the two countries in Jojoba plantations including activities like research, education, extension, training, model plantations, etc. No specific proposal from Israel has yet been received for transferring technology and seedlings for Jojoba plantations. The Executive Programme was signed in March, 1995 and under it, it is expected that some proposals will be generated for transfer of technology and seedlings from Israel to the arid and semi-arid regions of the country, including Rajasthan.

(c) The Department of Wastelands Development had organised a Consultation on Jojoba at CAZRI, Jodhpur, on 14-10-1993 in which State Government officers, farmers and representatives of Research Institutions were present. Enquiries of. a general nature for taking up Jojoba plantation have been made in the Department of Wastelands Development. However, the Government of Rajasthan have received good response from the private sector to take up Jojoba plantations.

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6516. श्री शिवप्रसाद चनपुरिया: क्या प्रधानमंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सुनिश्चित रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत मध्य प्रदेश के जबलपुर जिले के कौन-कौन से विकास खंड लिए गए हैं तथा वर्ष 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा इस प्रयोजनार्थ कुल कितनी राशि जारी की गई है और राशि की सहायता से विकास खंड-वार कितनी नौकरियां सृजित की गई हैं;

(ख) जबलपुर जिले के कुंडम विकास खंड में सुनिश्चित रोजगार योजना के उद्देश्यों के अनुरूप अकुशल स्वरूप के शारीरिक श्रम हेतु जिन श्रमिकों को 100 (सौ) दिनों का सुनिश्चित रोजगार उक्त वर्षों में उपलब्ध कराया गया उनकी संख्या व नाम क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या इस योजना के नियमों के अन्तर्गत जिला और विकास खंड स्तर पर समितियां गठित की गई हैं, यदि हां, तो स्तर-वार उनके नाम क्या-क्या हैं; और

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि जबलपुर जिले के जिला मास्टर प्लान में दर्शाए गए निर्माण कार्यों का निर्माण न करके कुछ अन्य कार्य किए गए, यदि हां, तो इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई पटेल): (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश के जबलपुर जिले में सुनिश्चित रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत कवर किए गए खंडों के नाम और वर्ष 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान खंडवार रिलीज की गई केन्द्रीय निधियां विवरण में दर्शाई गई हैं (नीचे देखिए)। सृजित कार्यों की संख्या, श्रमिकों के नाम, जिनको सुनिश्चित रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत 100 दिनों का रोजगार उपलब्ध कराया गया है, को भारत सरकार स्तर पर खंडवार नहीं रखा जाता है।

(ग) सुनिश्चित रोजगार योजना की मार्गदर्शिकाओं के अनुसार राज्य सरकार को प्रत्येक जिले, जहां योजना चल रही है, में जिला सुनिश्चित रोजगार समिति और सुनिश्चित रोजगार योजना द्वारा कवर किए गए प्रत्येक खंड में एक खंड सुनिश्चित रोजगार योजना समिति का गठन करना है। इन समितियों के गठन के ब्यौरे और उनके नाम भारत सरकार स्तर पर नहीं रखे जाते हैं।